

Project Title Advance Memphis IDA Program

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AFI Grant Amount \$6,000

Nonfederal Support \$6,000

Project Period September 2003 – September 2008

Highlights Advance Memphis is using a faith-based money

management curriculum to open 5 homeownership IDAs, at a match rate of \$2 to \$1, up to \$1,000 in participant savings over a 2-year saving period. Along with IDA training, participants receive job placement and emergency assistance services already provided by the agency, along with monthly one-on-one counseling support, childcare, transportation, crisis management, structured planning exerices, mentoring,

and credit repair.

Target Population Primarily families residing in two public housing projects in

South Memphis, Tennessee.

Grantee/Collaborative Description Advance Memphis is an economic development ministry

that supports self-sufficiency of low-income individuals in inner city Memphis. The Works, a HUD-certified counseling agency, is partnering to assist with home counseling and acquisition. Independent Bank is supporting participants through waiver of account fees, asset specific

services, and financial education.